GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT ON HYDROFLUOROCARBON
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to sign an international agreement to replace Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) in refrigerators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the international community offered any financial assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to (d): India is a Party to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer, the Multilateral Environment treaty since 1992 and has been successfully implementing the phase out of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODSs) as per the Montreal Protocol schedule. The use of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) was replaced in refrigerators by Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and Hydrocarbons (HCs) in 2003. The Montreal Protocol has been discussing the phase down of HFCs including the financial and technical assistance since 2009. However, Parties to the Montreal Protocol have not yet agreed to the phase down of HFCs under the ambit of the Montreal Protocol.